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PICTURE AND SOUND ENCODING APPARATUS
AND INFORMATION TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner,
I hereby appoint the following practitioners:

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as our attorneys for the purpose of conducting personal interviews with the Examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application.

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